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Peter W. Gage et al.

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For: ANTIVIRAL COMPOUNDS AND METHODS

Examiner: Nizal S. Chandrakumar

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This responds to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 12, 2009 (hereinafter "the Action"), which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on November 12, 2009. Accordingly, a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a three-month extension of time, i.e., up to February 12, 2010, accompanies this submission. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 84 of this paper.